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## Bridge Closed All July, August

Starting Friday, July 6 through the end of August the South Capitol St. Bridge across the Anacostia River—tying Near Southwest and Near Southeast to Anacostia, Prince George's County and Northern Virginia—will be completely closed to vehicles and pedestrians.

Up until now the bridge has only closed one lane at a time for several months. Now both lanes will close.

During July and August two hundred feet at the north end towards M St. SW/SE will be lowered all the way to be “at grade” at Potomac Ave. near Q. St. SW. Traffic will then come and go onto the bridge directly from Potomac Ave. SW/SE.



*Inset: DC Dept. of Transportation drawings show how lowering the bridge will make a grade crossing at Potomac Ave. and permit cars to turn right or left (to SE or to SW) on Potomac Ave. The cars shown waiting to get on So. Capitol St. are on Potomac Ave. The first building on the right represents the new ball park. The Capitol Dome is in the background. Traffic lights will be installed where the bridge will now hit the ground at Potomac Ave. to allow traffic heading east or west along Potomac Ave. to cross So. Capitol St. Also new traffic lights will be placed at N St. SW/SE and So. Capitol St. and at First St. SE & N where many fans will walk to and from the ball park.*

*Right: A view of So. Capitol St. Bridge while standing on Potomac Ave. SW looking east toward the new ball park shows what a large drop in the bridge will be needed to make a grade crossing of Potomac Ave. South Capitol St. is already at ground level when it reaches O St. and N St. SW/SE but traffic is blocked by Jersey barriers.*



## July 23 SWNA Meeting to Hear from Maine Ave. Developers



There will be no Monday, June 25 meeting of SWNA but the Monday, July 23 public meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will hear from the PN Hoffman company, which has the multi-million dollar contract to redevelop the SW Waterfront on Maine Ave. SW. In 2003 the DC Council approved a Small Area Plan for redoing the whole waterfront.

In addition the DC Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking will make a presentation.

*The three solid blocks of parking lots between Maine Ave. SW and Water St. to 10th St., SW (shown at far left) will be filled in with residential, commercial and other structures under the redevelopment contract held by Mater Developer Hoffman.-Streuer Waterfront, LLC. Inset: The District of Columbia's concept for redoing the entire SW Waterfront.*



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**SAT. JUNE 23** HUGE Yard Sale (33 families) 700 7th St., SW, 9-4

**SAT. JUNE 23** Tommy Wells Ward 6 picnic, 1700 Gales NE, (Rosedale Rec) 10 am- 4 pm

**MON. JUNE 25** Bank America plans to move to trailer at 401 M St SW

**TUES. JUNE 26** Farmer's market at new DOT- New Jersey & M SE

**WED. JUNE 27** Smithsonian Folklife Festival starts on National Mall, 11 am-5:30 pm

**THURS. JUNE 28** SE University Info session, 6th & I (Eye) St SW, 6-8 pm

**WED. JULY 4** JULY 4 HOLIDAY

**FRI. JULY 6** Arena Stage EMERGEN-SEE has SW night, 7:30 pm

**KOMEN TOASTMASTERS** – First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am.

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## Correction

The MPD headquarters plans to move to the former Washington Post printing plant at 225 Virginia Ave. SOUTH-EAST, not SW as reported in the June issue of *The Southwester*.

## Southeastern University Information Session

Southeastern University will have an open information session Thursday, June 28, from 6 to 8 pm. The University is located at 6th & I (Eye) Sts. SW.



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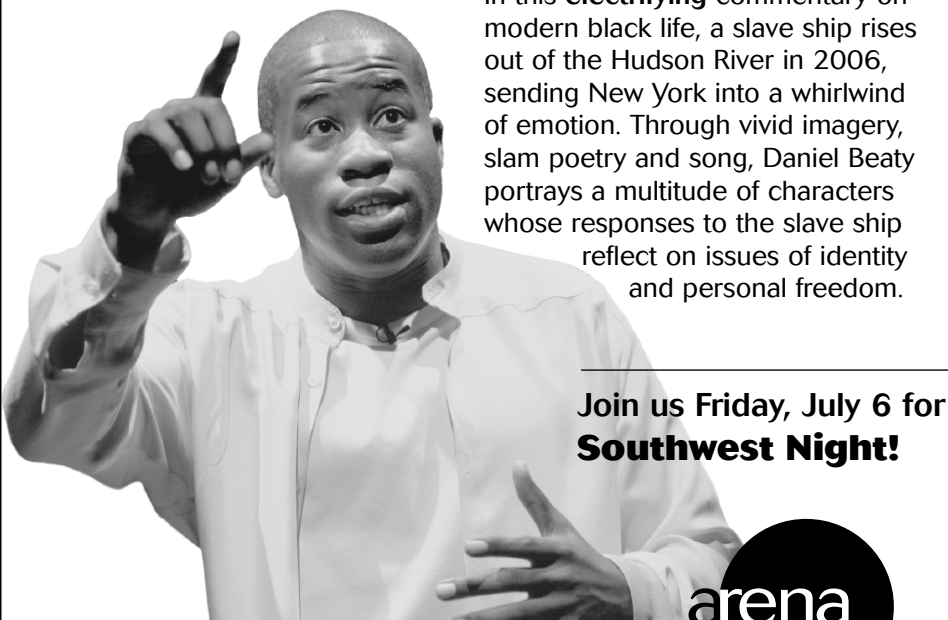
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## BRIEFLY IN THE NEWS . . .

## Water, Sewer Rates to Rise

A public hearing was held on June 13 for comments on a 7.5% rise in the water and sewer charges in the District of Columbia. A similar proposal a year ago was modified to closer to 5%.

A steady annual increase in rates is necessary, says WMATA, to pay for a \$2 billion dollar improvement program, especially to meet EPA standards and to reduce sewage overflow into the Potomac River.

## Arena Stage July 5-22 Emergence-SEE

A one-man show that was sold out in the Kreeger Theatre during its one-week-end run last February is returning July 5 for two weeks in Arena Stage's Kreeger.

Daniel Beaty, called a "Hip Hop artist," but also a Shakespeare actor, builds a number of characters out of the imaginative story of a ghost slave ship rising out of the Hudson River by the Statue of Liberty in recent times. His shocked characters give Beaty a chance for a variety of comments on modern black life.

## Tommy Wells Bill Helps Children

Ward 6 Council Member Tommy Wells has won Council approval of his bill to allow grandparents and other caregivers to apply for legal custody of children in their care.

In a release councilmember Wells stated, "By restoring legal standing to these caregivers in custody proceedings, while protecting the rights of parents, this bill will enable more children to live in safe and stable homes."

## Tommy Wells Picnic Saturday, June 23

Please join Tommy Wells on Saturday, June 23rd, for the First Annual Ward 6 Family Picnic and Celebrity Softball Tournament.

The celebration will take place at the Rosedale Recreation Center at 1700 Gales

Street, NE. We'll get started at 10:00 am and activities will run through the day until 4:00 pm. I hope that this event can bring all of our Ward 6 residents out for a great day.

We'll start with a recreation center

clean-up at 10:00 am and start our softball tournament around 11:00 am. We'll also have soccer, basketball, and dodge ball for the kids and the pool will open for the summer at 12:00 noon. Children of all ages are welcome!"

## Southwest "Community Walk Through"

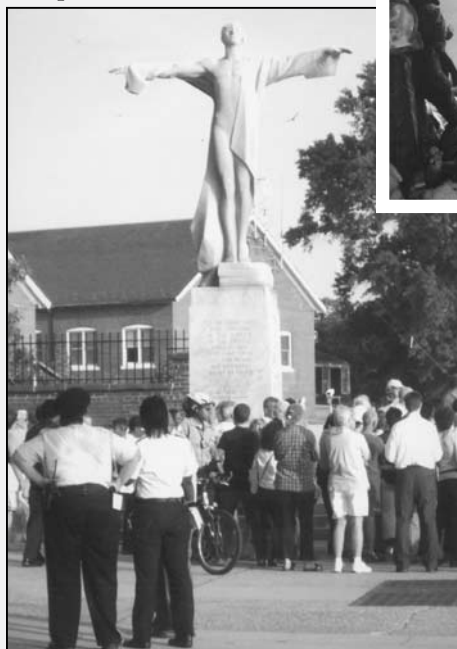
By Charles Allen

"Over 75 Southwest residents showed up for Thursday night's Community Walk Through with Councilmember Tommy Wells... The walk first took us to the Titanic Memorial where poor lighting and graffiti was highlighted. A representative from the Park Service Police committed to getting the lights fixed and would follow-up on the graffiti. Next, we walked down O Street, SW to a cul-de-sac where residents complained about public drinking, possible drug sales and theft. MPD spoke about increasing lighting and patrols. The walk contin-

ued to the corner of Delaware and Canal near the ballfield and residents asked that the field lights be kept on at night to discourage illegal behavior around the recreation center. Ms. Lightfoot, DPR's Ward 6 manager, committed to having the lights turned on during the summer months. Next, we walked around King-Greenleaf Recreation Center and representatives from DDOT pointed out where new speed humps will be put in place on Canal Street to slow traffic around the center. Our walk continued up 1st Street to M Street SW and turned west back to 4th Street. Tommy's Community Walk Throughs

generate a lot of follow-up items. Some short-term fixes, some long-term problems... Additional items we heard about for follow-up include installation of a crime camera around the recreation center, church parking concerns on 1st Street, SW, turning the lights on in Landsburg Park, street conditions on South Capitol Street, buses idling on Maine Avenue, loitering around the Safeway and Metro station, crosswalks on 4th Street, SW, and much more..."

*From left to right: A stop was made at the memorial for the sinking of the Titanic; Neighbors gathered on 4th St. SW before walking to the waterfront and to First St. SW and back; The walkers went near First St. and N, SW where these toys against a tree are a memorial for the recent shooting death. They continued on past the King-Greenleaf Recreation Center in the background.*



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# Folklife Festival in July

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The 10-day Festival, held outdoors on the National Mall between Seventh and 14th streets, will be held from Wednes-

day, June 27, through Sunday, July 1, and Wednesday, July 4, through Sunday, July 8. The event is co-sponsored by the National Park Service, and admission is free. Festival hours are from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day, with concerts, special events and dance parties extending into most evenings



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Mayor Adrian Fenty, surrounded by students from Wilson and other high schools at the "kickoff" for renovation of public school athletic facilities, stated: "A great education doesn't just happen in the classroom; it also happens in school athletics programs where students build valuable life skills like teamwork and a healthy lifestyle." Some students are wearing T-shirts of WIN. The Washington Interfaith Network.

## New Turf for Wilson Stadium

Wilson High and five other DC public schools are receiving major renovations of their athletic facilities under a \$21.5 million project of the school system.

At a "kickoff" for the project at Dunbar High School, Mayor Adrian Fenty praised the DC Sports & Entertainment Commission for agreeing to use its expertise in building the new Nationals Ballpark to take charge of the renovation of the high school facilities.

Wilson's website, [www.wilsonhs.org](http://www.wilsonhs.org), has this background information, including the vital role of WIN, the Washington Interfaith Network in getting the program funded:

"Athletic field renovation is a vital part of the DC Public Schools (DCPS) Master Facilities Plan. The fields selected by DCPS to be renovated include McKinley Technol-

ogy High School, Dunbar Senior High, Roosevelt Senior High, Ballou Senior High, Wilson Senior High and Coolidge Senior High. Pre-construction activity has already begun. This kickoff event will include coaches and representatives from all schools receiving new fields and launches a new era in athletic facility development for the District's student athletes.

"[The organizers and members of churches in the Washington Interfaith Network have worked with parents, staff and students, especially at Wilson, Dunbar and Ballou, to organize a concerted effort to bring this need to the forefront of DCPS attention and keep the heat on to bring the project to fruition.]"

## Coffee Cafe in SW Library Supported

By Lida Churchville, SWNA Board Member

Plans for a community coffee café in the Southwest branch library are under consideration by library officials, political leaders and local activists. Southwest residents have regretted the lack of a place to sit, read, drink coffee, and chat with friends ever since Waterside Mall's grill, a popular meeting spot, was shut down two years ago. The library location is especially attractive because the Southwest Library has free Wi-Fi for its visitors.

Early positive responses from both Ginnie Cooper, Executive Director of the DC Public Library (DCPL) and the Chairman of the Facilities Committee of the Library of the Library Board of Trustees noted however that the library system could not undertake such a project in the near future.

Pursuing the issue, Ward 6 Councilman Tommy Wells expressed his strong support for the coffee café as a valuable community benefit while the Waterside Mall development goes forward. Charles Allen, Chief of Staff for Councilman Wells met with DC Public Library executive Ginnie Cooper on June 8th to discuss the benefits of a café that would encourage pedestrian traffic in the area, increase the visits to the

library, and contribute to public safety in that part of Southwest. Ms. Cooper expressed her support for cafes in libraries and offered to have a DCPL staff person look into the feasibility of a café at the Southwest Library.

The Southwest Neighborhood Association (SWNA) has given support to the plan.

Southwest residents are urged to contact Council Tommy Wells ([twells@dec-council.washington.dc.us](mailto:twells@dec-council.washington.dc.us)) to thank him for his support and to Ginnie Cooper ([ginnie.cooper@dc.gov](mailto:ginnie.cooper@dc.gov)) with thanks for her receptivity to the café.

In a letter by ANC6D Commissioner Andy Litsky to Ms. Cooper he stated:

Dear Ms. Cooper:

...As you may have learned, our Southwest/ Near SE community is undergoing more significant development activity than anywhere else of equivalent size in the entire Washington metropolitan region. Think "Atlantic Yards" and then squeeze it into DC's smallest quadrant. At present, our neighborhood is bereft of virtually any public gathering place but the post office and the check-out line at Safeway.

A coffee cafe at the Southwest Library would provide a social space for 12,000 residents



At a second Thurs. breakfast "office hours" of Council Member Tommy Wells at Channel Inn, the idea of a coffee café in the SW Branch Library was explained by library staff member Gerald Schwinn, center to Andy Litsky, left, and SWNA Board Member Ben Amor.

during a time of great civic dislocation and, in doing so, would create a marvelous facet to the experience you offer to District residents at DCPL. We must step up to the plate and provide services that rival those offered by Border's and Barnes and Noble. Such a concept—coffee and free books!

I hope you will do what you can to advance this Southwest coffee cafe as quickly as possible.

Best,  
Andy Litsky  
Vice Chairman, ANC-6D

## Wilson High Principal Retires; Letter From Dr. Tarason Explains Decision

Dear Wilson Community,

I have been deep in thought for several months regarding my future at Wilson Senior High School. I have been thinking about the time and energy needed to administer a high school and the time it takes away from the family. I have also felt that a fresh face is needed to administer the program at Wilson. The past eight and one half years have been some of the most challenging and most rewarding years of my career. I have been fortunate to work with outstanding staff, community members and students. I have been supported through difficult times and uplifted by exciting results and positive achievements. As Wilson plans for modernization and autonomy I believe the person who will administer the school should help plan the school.

I have decided to retire from DCPS. I thank each of you for the contributions you have made to our children.

Sincerely,  
Steve Tarason



# Kwame Brown Hearing Brings Out \$\$Billion Developers

A dozen witnesses for the developers bringing billions of dollars of new construction to Near SW/SE faced DC elected officials (who make the policy decisions) in a hearing in Southwest, conducted by Citywide At-Large Council Member Kwame Brown, chair of the Council Committee on Economic Development. Brown was joined by 6th Ward Council Member Tommy Wells, and at times, by 8th Ward Council Member Marion Barry and 4th Ward Council Member Muriel Bowser.

New construction underway from the Washington Navy Yard on the east to the shores of the Potomac River on the west was reviewed.

## Community Input

More than a dozen witnesses represented community organizations.



Council Committee Chairman Kwame Brown, right, and Council Member Tommy Wells at the hearing.

Community witnesses at the Kwame Brown hearing included:

Top left (left to right): SWWRCC Board Chair Rev. Ruth Hamilton, SWNA Sec'y Meg Brinckman, SWNA Board Members Peter Atlee and Ben Amor. Middle left, (left to right) Southeastern University President Dr. Charlene Drew Jarvis, ANC 6C Chair Roger Moffatt, SWNA Vice President Carolyn Mitchell and ANC Commissioner Rhonda Hamilton.

Bottom left (left to right): SWNA Board Member Rick Bardach, ANC Commissioner David Sobelsohn, SWNA Board Member Ken LaCruise, ANC Commissioner Ron McBee.

Bottom right: Rev. Brian Hamilton, Jefferson Jr. PTA President Ahmad Nurridin and Dick Westbrook, former vice president SWNA, Member of the Board, Committee of 100.



## Neighbors Meet on Community Benefits

(Summary prepared by ANC Commissioner David Sobelsohn, SWNA Secretary Meg Brinckman, and former SWNA President Thelma Jones)

Since 2005, residents of Southwest and the near Southeast have held regular open meetings to discuss benefits our community could derive from neighborhood redevelopment, and how to work together to achieve those benefits. This coordinating group is named the Near Southeast/Southwest Community Benefits Coordinating Committee (CBCC).

On May 19 and 21, at the request of Near SW/SE Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D chair Roger Moffatt, the CBCC organized two public roundtables for the community to prioritize the benefits it wants from redevelopment.

Besides ANC 6D commissioners, sponsors included the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly and the South Washington/West of the River Family Strengthening Collaborative. Over 100 residents participated. Thelma Jones and Ruth Hamilton, Collaborative board chair, co-facilitated.

Participants achieved a remarkable degree of consensus. Overall, the roundtables gave their greatest support to:

1. Establishing community/workforce-development centers. These centers could provide (a) workforce development; (b) community-based mentoring; (c) life-skills courses; (d) neighborhood internships; (e) a wellness center; (f) a daycare center; (g) pre-school and after-school youth programs; and (h) corporate-sponsored arts.

2. Housing placed second. Desired housing benefits included (a) preserving low-income housing, while increasing the supply of affordable and mixed-income housing; (b) identifying and assisting potential neighborhood homeowners; (c) ensuring diverse housing—including live-aboard housing; and (d) giving displaced residents the right to return to the neighborhood.

3. As a third priority, participants at both roundtables wanted establishment of a neighborhood-run community fund, either an "Enterprise Investment Fund" or a fund to help "community institutions" meet "community-based needs."

4. Finally, as a clear fourth priority, the roundtables chose diverse, walk-able, neighborhood-oriented retail. Our community wants

developers to set aside space specifically for neighborhood-owned and operated retail, and to provide resources for new neighborhood-oriented businesses.

5. Other benefits received substantial support as community priorities. They included youth and senior services, the environment, and the establishment of a neighborhood-run institution to monitor benefits agreements.

As the roundtables ended, Councilmember Tommy Wells (D-Ward Six), who was in attendance, congratulated the participants. "Your priorities will be my priorities," he promised. The community looks forward to working with Councilmember Wells to make our benefits list a reality.

Shown are only part of the large community gatherings at Southeastern University May 21, and Second Baptist Church, May 19, discussing what benefits developers should offer the community.





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## Mega-Billion Dollar Developer Gives Back

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### Forest City Volunteers at Bowen ES

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Community Day 2007 marked Forest

City's fourth annual event involving thousands of employees nationwide. From Hawaii to Puerto Rico, more than 1,300 employees volunteered in approximately 50 locations. Forest City's commitment to serving the communities in which it works is one of the Company's core values, defining the common beliefs and management philosophy of the organization.

In SW DC, Forest City Washington is spearheading the redevelopment of Waterfront, the former Waterside Mall. The Waterfront project will create a vibrant, mix-use urban hub for SW DC incorporating a montage of residential, office and retail elements. In SE DC, Forest City is also developing The Yards-a 42-acre riverfront destination with residential, office and retail components next to the Washington Navy Yard on M St. SE..

For more information: [www.fcwashington.com](http://www.fcwashington.com) or [www.forestcity.net](http://www.forestcity.net)

*Landscaping and painting at Bowen School by employees, and paving a large parking lot at Bowen School were volunteer work sponsored by Forest City Washington.*



THE  
Yards™

*Forest City is developing a large part of the former Southeast Federal Center. They call it "The Yards." Forest City is a joint developer of Waterfront at 401 M St. SW, the former Waterside Mall, latest plans for which are shown above.*

## "Keep Fans Off P St., 4th St., I (Eye) SW" Says Zoning Body

In response to testimony from SW/SE ANC6D commissioner Andy Litsky, the DC Zoning Commission has ordered the DC Dept. of Transportation not to direct traffic by baseball fans onto local streets, especially 4th, P and Eye St. SW. residential streets.

Litsky's testimony explained, in part, "There should be a clearly articulated plan to reduce vehicular traffic through local neighborhoods. The Zoning Commission needs to insist that DDOT work with the ANC to ensure that local streets - including 4th Street SW; P Street SW; and Eye Street SW have their own traffic mitigation plan so that residents can get in and out of buildings during game days and that patrons directed to these parking lots not be directed to use the above mentioned streets. Barricades should be put in

place on these streets as are currently used in residential areas around RFK to protect access to dwellings."





# Summer Youth Activities

For information on any program, call the phone number listed by the description of the program.

## King Greenleaf Recreation Center

201 N St. SW (202) 645-7454  
Ms. Joyce Carey, supervisor

**Summer Day Camp (Camp Discovery)**  
For boys & girls 6 yrs to 13yrs & 11 months Four two-week periods starting Mon. June 25. Scholarships available. Mon. thru Fri., 9 am to 5 pm. Register \$75 now and again for each two week period. 645-7454.

### Boys Little League Baseball

Ages 9 to 12. No Fee. Games underway. 202-645-7454, Coach Oscar.

### Girls Softball

Teams for different age groups being organized. No fee. 202-645-7454.

### Tae Kwon Do Martial Arts

Sponsored by Washington Youth Foundation; Mr. Philip Barody, Black Belt Teacher, 703-370-KICK. Ages 6 to 13. Snacks. Fridays 6:45 pm to 7:30 pm. No fee.

### KidSafe After Summer School Camp

6-13 years old. 12-6pm. No fee.

### Late Night Hoops

Ages 18-30 Friday Nights 10pm-2 am.

### Basketball Under the Stars

Ages 18-30. League M-Fri., 10 pm-2am. 673-6843 to register.



## SW Branch Library

Wesley Pl at I (Eye) St. SW (near 3rd St. SW) 202-724-4752 . Hours: Open 9:30 am Mon.-Sat. Open Sun. 1 pm. Close Mon, Wed., 9 pm; Close Tues., Thurs., Sat. 5:30 pm. Close Sun. 5 pm.

### Summer Quest 2007

Youth ages 14 and under. Visiting performers at the library. Up to age 14 use

computers on the second floor. Register at the library. 724-4691.

### Holla' Back

Ages 12-19. Write up each book you read. Discuss with others. Prizes.

## Heads Up Summer Program

K-6th grades. Noon-6 pm. Bowen School (for Bowen & Amidon) 101 M St. SW, Site contact Korey Morris 544-4468, Ext. 26. Register in the school office. Bowen 724-4871. Amidon 724-4867.

## Boys & Girls Club #4 of Greater Washington

Clubroom is gym of Bowen Elementary School, 101 M St. SW (in the rear off the playground). New telephone number 479-0193 Officer Sherri Finner; Mr. Anthony Noel. (Club membership is \$10) Drop in for table games and to shoot hoops.

### Little League Baseball

Ages 12 & under. Coach Horse, 301-755-4751 League underway until July 4.



### Summer Outdoor Youth Basketball League

After July 4. Ages 16 and under. Coach Tony Parry and others. To sign up for a team call Coach Horse 301-755-4751.

### Fall Football

Start signing up after June 1 with Coach Horse 301-755-4751.

## Randall Outdoor Pool

Open June 2-late Aug. South Capitol St. & I (Eye) St. SW. (202) 727-1420. Hours Tues. through Friday, 1 pm to 8 pm; Sat & Sun. noon - 6 pm. Closed Mon. Free for DC Residents.

## South Washington/ West of the River

**Family Strengthening Collaborative Summer Program for Children & Youth** at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th & M St. SW., June 26-Aug. 10. Ages 6 to 14, Tamitha Christian, 202-488-7997 ext. 16, Register by calling that number. Academic enrichment, recreation, life skills, literacy, mentoring. Hours 9-4.

## Free Meals

Any youth up to age 18. June 15 to Aug. 25 - Housing Resident Councils  
Syphax Gardens 1501 Half St. SW, breakfast 8 am - 9:30; lunch 12 non - 2 pm  
James Creek - 100 N St. SW; bkfst 9-10, lunch 12-2  
Greenleaf Gardens Extension - 205 L St. SW, bkfst 8-9, lunch 12-2  
King Greenleaf Recreation Center - 201 N St. SW. Bkfst 9-10 am, Lunch noon-2 pm

## Sailing at Gangplank Marina

The National Maritime History Foundation has small sail boats to teach children ages 8 to 14 to sail. Cost \$250 for a week of classes 10 am to 4:30 pm. (Some partial scholarships available based on need). Register with Liz Gossens at 202-547-1250.

## Earth Conservation Corps

Join Saturday Anacostia River Restoration service program to help clean up the river (Sat. 8:30am - noon) or call about Anacostia River Patrol for ecological water tour. John Burch 202-554-1960 ext. 103.

## Metropolitan Police Department Summer of Safety

For three months this summer local police are putting on cookouts, music and activities for children to help neighborhoods have a peaceful summer. After 4 citywide kickoffs including:

Thurs. June 14 Kickoff, Hechinger Mall, 17th & H St. NE, noon-4.

Some activities in near SW:

**Thurs. June 21 Youth Awareness**, 415-5th St. SW - 6 pm (First Dist. Headquarters). Lt. Barbara Hawkins 698-0555

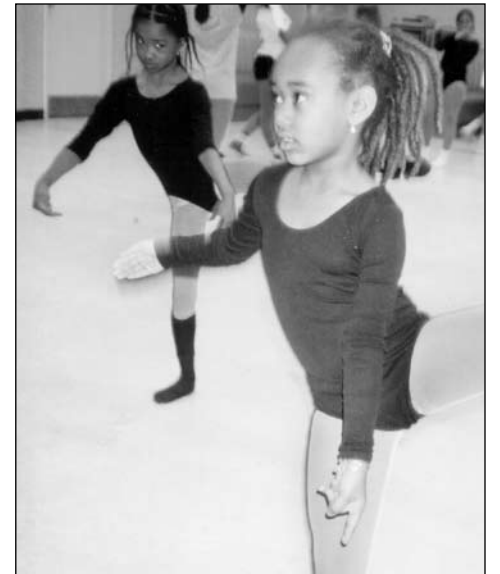
**Tues. July 10 Narcotics Seminar**, King Greenleaf Rec Center, 1st & N St. SW 3 pm. Lt. Ron Williams, 698-0300.

**Thurs. July 19 5 pm, Night Out by the Potomac**, 500 Water St. SW Lt. Juanita Mitchell 698-0380.

**Tues. Aug. 7 National Night Out - Peace Walk**, 6th & I (Eye) St. SW (Centennial Park) 7 pm Lt. Juanita Mitchell 698-0380.

**Thurs. Aug. 23, 1 pm, 2nd Annual Fun in the Sun** at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center, 1st & N St. SW.

Summer activity hotline 462-6733 (I'M BORED).



## Department of Employment Services

### Mathew Henson Earth Conservation Center

2000 Half St. SW. Open Tues, Thurs 8:30am-4:30pm. 17 years and older, especially for Douglas Bridge project. 202-479-6710.

### Living Classroom

Work readiness and employment Ages 16-24, 901 M St. SE, Bldg 74. Darien Cox 488-0627 Ext. 27.

### Overnight Camps

Camp Brown (Boys & Girls Clubs and Metropolitan Police Dept. Ages 7-13, Six one- week overnight sessions from July 9-Aug. 17 season. In rural MD. Phone 397-CLUB Ext 8190, or Tina Woodley, 388-8190. \$100 per session. Scholarships available. Deadline July 9.

### Camp Riverview

(Dept. of Parks & Recreation) 7-12 Year old. One week overnight sessions from June 25-July 23 in rural MD. 673-7647. \$95 per session.

### Cavaliers Men's Group

Volunteer men from the SW community working with you. Roland Smith, Pres. 484-1980.

### Department of Health

Healthy Summer Activities and Back to School Immunization Clinics. www.dchealth.gov.

### Department of Mental Health

Neighborhood Mental Health Helpline. 24/7 hrs. 1-888-7WE-HELP (793-4347)

Dept. of Human Services, Early Care and Education Admin. - for information about where to find and what to look for in a program for children (6 weeks old to 13 years). 387-0002.

*Thanks to Naomi Mitchell, Community Liaison for 6th Ward Council Member Tommy Wells for collecting information from the DC Dept. of Parks & Recreation, Metropolitan Police, SW Youth Activities Task Force and many others for this list.*



## Mall Cleaners Moves Across M St at 3rd SW

The Senate Cleaners formerly at 401 M St. SW has moved across M to the ground floor of the apartments at 300 M St. SW.

## June 11 Library Book Sale: "Thanks"

By Judith Farley

"To everyone—volunteers, customers, and library staff—who made the May 19 book sale at the Southwest public library so successful, thank you so much. We topped all previous sales records, with \$1,540 collected. That means a whole lot of books found new owners. And so many of you who buy our books then contribute them to a future sale, which means if you missed out on a title at one sale, you might find it at the next sale!

We will be adding programs for adults and children, and fulfilling some wish-list items from the library staff—a tool set, shrub clippers, soft toys for the pre-Kindergarten set, among other items. The next sale will be in October 2007.

Thanks and I hope to see you in October! Judith Farley, President, SW Friends."

## Thelma Jones Receives Award

The Black Philanthropic Alliance (BPA) is pleased to announce the awarding of its first Professional Development Fund (PDF) grant to Southwest Civic Leader Thelma Jones. The PDF awards up to \$1,000 to foundation professionals (from administrative assistants to executive directors) who want to advance their grant making or leadership skills, as well as enhance their professional development. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis and are only available to applicants who are BPA members in good standing.

In awarding the grant, BPA co-chair Lee Christian Parker said: "Thelma Jones exemplifies the perfect candidate for this award—a person who has a commitment to continual learning and development and application of new knowledge to ensure personal and professional growth."

Jones is a 2002 founding member of BPA who actively involved both her former employer the World Bank Group and its sister organization the International Monetary Fund in BPA's activities. BPA's grant will support Jones attendance at the Sixth National Conference on Black Philanthropy on June 27, 2007 - June 29, 2007 in Arlington, Virginia. BPA is a co-sponsor of the conference.

BPA is the first local membership organization of its kind for Black professionals working in or supporting philanthropy in the Greater Washington region. Launched in 2002 as a sponsored program fund at The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region, its mission is to increase the presence and leadership of Black professionals in philanthropy and to increase Black participation, giving and

## SE University International Festival

On May 19 Southeastern University held its annual International Festival in the Amidon School playground on I (Eye) St. SW. The usual colorful dress and dancing and music from different regions of the world were on display. Food from various cultures was sampled by visitors.



Dances from Ethiopia were performed.

leadership throughout the local nonprofit sector.

## Iraqis at Public Forum in SW

The community is invited to hear two Iraqi labor leaders speak on Tuesday, June 26, 7:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian, 400 I Street SW (corner of 4th and I across from Amidon). Sister Hashmeya Hussein, the first woman to head a national union in Iraq, and Brother Faleh Umara, founding member of the oil workers union, will share their opinions on the current situation, what will happen if US troop presence continues or rapidly ends and whether they think a peaceful, stable, non-sectarian Iraq is possible. Ron Pinchback of WPFW will be the emcee for the evening discussion. This tour is sponsored by US Labor Against the War, DC United for Peace & Justice, and American Friends Service Committee.

## SWNA at Brown Roundtable

(Excerpt from SWNA's testimony at the June 16 roundtable conducted in SW by citywide At-Large Council Member Kwame Brown and 6th Ward Council Member Tommy Wells)

By Carolyn Mitchell, SWNA VP

[The recent] "series of meetings of

the Community Benefits Coordinating Committee is truly a milestone in our city in bringing residents together with the common goal of identifying and prioritizing the benefits that are needed in Southwest. SWNA not only supported these meetings, but also supports the continuing dialog on community benefits among residents and developers. In order to enhance and maintain the quality of life for residents, we find it imperative to establish:

- a community center,
- affordable housing for current residents as well as new residents
- neighborhood oriented retail, and
- a community fund to support and establish small local businesses."

## Library News for Children

In the children's room upstairs in the SW Branch Library between 3rd St. SW & Wesley Pl SW at K St SW regular weekly activities—starting July 2—will be:

Monday 10:30 am  
Music, Ages 3 and Under

Monday 6 pm  
Family Game Night  
Parents to play board games with children

Tuesday 10:30 am  
Storytime, Ages 3 to 5

Wednesday 2pm  
Arts & Crafts, Ages 6 and Up

Wednesday 4:30 pm  
Young Adult Game & Drama Programs, Ages 12 and Up

Thursday 10:30 am  
Storytime for Ages 3 to 5

Thursday 2:30 pm  
Documentaries, Ages 6 and Up

Friday 1:30 pm  
Games, Crafts, Movies, all ages.

Special Events  
Friday July 13 10:30 am  
Talking Drums

Thursday July 26 1:30 pm  
Storyteller Candace Wolf

Friday August 3  
Maryland Science Center: Wright Stuff

## Farmer's Market at 1200 NJ, SE

A new farmer's market has started at the New DOT Headquarters building on M St. SE and New Jersey Ave (across the street from the Navy Yard Metro). "Farm-fresh produce, baked goods and more" is promised, at the public plaza just inside the yard of the new building.

The Navy Yard Metro stop at NJ Ave. is just across M St. SE from the location of the farmers' market. Curb parking at the market is prohibited because the farmers need to use the curb nearby for their own vehicles.






EFFECTIVE MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2007

DMV SERVICE CENTER RELOCATION





301 C Street, NW  
Service Center

Southwest Service Center—95 M Street, SW

Tuesday—Saturday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm

Dealer Services

Monday—Friday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm

Temporary Tags

Monday—Saturday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm

The DMV Service Center operations located at 301 C Street, NW (driver services, dealer services, temporary tags, driver license application/duplicates, learner permit application, identification card application, driver record, medical review, disability placards & tags, vehicle titles/registration & tags) will move to the new Southwest Service Center located at 95 M Street, SW EFFECTIVE April 30, 2007. The Southwest Service Center is located around the corner from the Southwest Vehicle Inspection Station. Adjudication Services (walk-in and scheduled hearings, ticket payments, boot and tow payments) and Driver Improvement Office (driver license reinstatements and certified driver records) will remain at 301 C Street, NW.

DMV SERVICE LOCATIONS

Adjudication Services  
(Walk-in & Scheduled Hearings)  
301 C Street, NW  
Monday—Friday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm

Driver Improvement Office  
301 C Street, NW  
Monday—Friday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm

Ticket Payments/Boot & Tow Payments  
301 C Street, NW  
Monday—Friday - 8:15 am—5:00 pm

Brentwood Service Center  
(Brentwood Square Mall)  
1233 Brentwood Road, NE  
Monday—Friday - 10:00 am—6:00 pm

Brentwood Road Test  
Non-Commercial Road Test Skills Test  
By Appointment ONLY  
1205 Brentwood Road, NE  
Monday—Friday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm

Commercial Driver License (CDL)  
1205 Brentwood Road, NE  
Monday—Friday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm

International Registration Program (IRP)  
1233 Brentwood Road, NE  
Monday—Friday - 8:15 am—4:00pm

Commercial Road Test Lot  
2390 South Capitol Street, SE  
By Appointment ONLY  
Monday—Friday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm

Georgetown Service Center  
(Georgetown Park Mall Lower Level)  
3222 M Street, NW  
Monday—Friday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm

Penn Branch Service Center  
(Penn Branch Mall)  
3220 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE  
Monday—Friday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm

Southwest Service Center  
95 M Street, SW  
Tuesday—Saturday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm

Dealer Services  
Monday—Friday - 8:15 am—4:00pm

Temporary Tags  
Monday—Saturday - 8:15 am—4:00 pm

Vehicle Inspection Station  
1001 Half Street, SW  
Monday—Friday - 6:00 am—6:00 pm  
Saturday - 7:00 am—3:00 pm

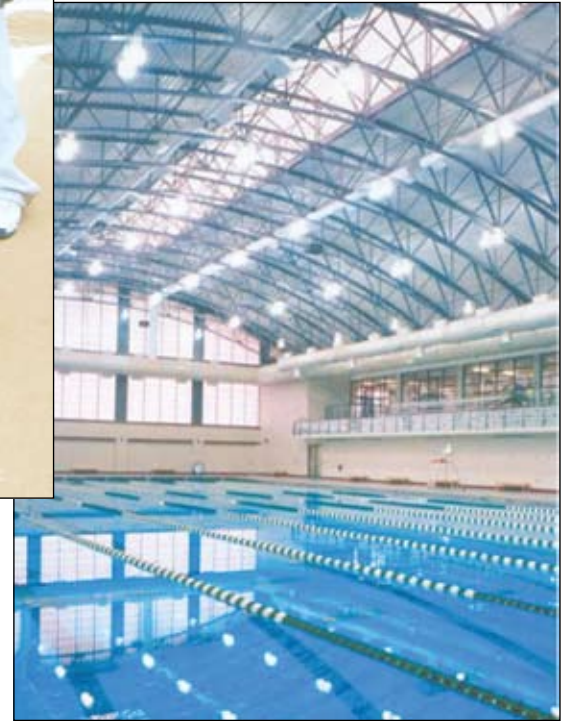
For More Information visit the DMV online at [www.dmv.dc.gov](http://www.dmv.dc.gov) or call 202-727-5000





Left: Coaches at Club #4 mark the baseball diamond at King Greenleaf Recreation Center.

Below: Wilson High will get a new swimming pool as soon as the old one is torn down. As usual, it will be the Ward Three Aquatic Center for the city.



Left: One of the baseball teams at Club #4 MP Boys & Girls Club

# JENNY'S

## ASIAN FUSION

**On the Waterfront upstairs  
At 1000 Water St. SW near 9th St. SW**

### HAPPY HOUR PRICES

\$1 off all drinks from 4 pm to 7 pm all week. Carryout parking in front, regular \$5 unlimited parking below Phillips next door.

### HOURS

Mon.-thurs. 11 am to 10 pm  
Fri., Sat. 11 am to 11 pm;  
Sun./Holidays 12 noon – 10 pm  
Make reservations 202-554-2202

### OFFICE GROUPS

Call or email us at [jeannie@jennysdc.com](mailto:jeannie@jennysdc.com) for more info on our scheduled delivery service. Menu on line at [www.jennysdc.com](http://www.jennysdc.com).

Watch the Wed., July 4 fireworks in air conditioned comfort at Jenny's. Our second floor restaurant and lounge windows look out at the Washington Monument and SW Waterfront.



With the Smithsonian Metro Station closed for Independence Day July 4 parking at Jenny's (\$5 unlimited parking next door at Phillips) is the closest you can get to the Washington Monument Grounds.



Take the Circulator Bus for \$1 anywhere on 7th St. It comes to Jenny's at 9th and Water St. SW. Runs every 10 minutes till 9 pm. With a transfer, ride it back to the Mall.

**Call soon for your July 4 reservations for lunch or dinner. 202-554-2202 or email at [jeannie@jennysdc.com](mailto:jeannie@jennysdc.com).**